GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DUMPING OF NEWSPRINT
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the dumping of newsprints in large quantity by USA, Europe, Canada, Russia and the various other countries into India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of complaints received regarding dumping of newsprint during the last one year;

(d) the time taken to dispose of these complaints;

(e) the impact of dumping of newsprint on the production of domestic units; and

(f) the steps taken or propose to be taken by the Government to make anti-dumping measures more sterner and stricter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e) : The Designated Authority had initiated investigations on import of Newsprint from Canada, USA and Russia on 20th December 1996 on the basis of fully documented petition filed by the domestic industry, with prima- facie evidence of dumping, injury and causal link. The Designated Authority recommended imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on 19th March 1998, which was, however, not imposed. The domestic industry has not filed any petition in the prescribed proforma to the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) during the last one year to enable the Designated Authority to initiate fresh investigations for imposing Anti-Dumping Duty on import of Newsprint.

(f) : Anti-Dumping investigations are conducted in accordance with our National Law as enshrined in Sections 9 A, 9 B & 9 C of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995, which are in consonance with the WTO provisions.

The Government has taken various steps to speed up the Anti-Dumping investigation, streamline the procedures and provide quick relief to the domestic industry which inter-alia include immediate initiation of investigations on submission of fully documented petition, recommending Preliminary Findings expeditiously to provide immediate relief to the domestic industry and holding of Seminars/ Workshops/ Interactive sessions all over the country to make people aware of the Anti-Dumping rules and procedures. DGAD is also coordinating through DGFT officials in port offices to sensitise and familiarise people with the Anti-Dumping procedures.Thus all efforts are being made to provide relief to the domestic industry where it is due and to the extent possible given the existing set of rules and regulations.